

ORDER NO. 1908

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman; and
Mark Acton

Market Dominant Product Prices
Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements
with Foreign Postal Operators
China Post Group – United States Postal Service
Multi-Product Bilateral Agreement (MC2010-35)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. R2013-2

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO EXISTING AGREEMENT

(Issued December 17, 2013)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire January 31, 2014.¹ The Postal Service seeks to extend the Existing Agreement pursuant to an Amendment executed by the Postal Service and China Post Group.²

¹ Order No. 1883, Order Approving Amendment to Existing Agreement, November 20, 2013. See also Order No. 1598, Order Approving an Additional Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with China Post Group), December 28, 2012.

² See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Amendment Three to Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with China Post Group), December 16, 2013, at Attachment 1 (Motion).

The Amendment extends the expiration date of the Existing Agreement until February 28, 2014. *Id.* at 1.

The Postal Service states that its intent was to file the successor agreement by December 16, 2013, providing the Commission with at least 45 days to complete its review. Motion at 2. *See also* 39 U.S.C. § 3622(d)(1)(C). However, it also states that current negotiations will continue beyond December 16, 2013. *Id.* at 2. Therefore, the Postal Service requests that the Commission continue to list the Existing Agreement in the Mail Classification Schedule according to the new expiration date set forth in the Amendment. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The Amendment is approved and the Existing Agreement, as amended, is authorized to continue through February 28, 2014. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion for Temporary Relief, filed December 16, 2013, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement, as amended, is authorized to continue through February 28, 2014.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary